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If I were an owner of one of the newly merged together media corporations,  
or one of the happy previous owners of a radio or TV stations who recently  
sold out, I would be tempted to declare that the consolidation brought about  
by deregulation in the late nineties was good, and a service to the public's  
interest, convenience, and necessity. However, since I am just a private  
citizen with some, but still very little, at stake in the communication  
industry, I have to stand the other private citizens, who rely on mass  
media, and are now witness to our media's debacle.

Who said; "You can fool all the people sometime (as in the Telecommunication Act of 1996) but you can't fool all the people all the  
time, like perhaps on Monday June 2 2003. Wasn't it a Republican?  
Putting  
the media in the hands of a few may simplify things for a lot of individuals.  
It may be easier for advertisers, especially incumbents trying to get  
reelected. But all the people will know what's really going on, a  
diminishing of credibility. Which may just leave all of us  
vulnerable to  
real enemies who will find it as easy to do us in as advertising.